

SOME HISTORICAL COLLECTING LOCALITIES IN AND AROUND BRISBANE

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With the passing of time some of the collecting localities of comparatively old material in the Queensland Herbarium from the Brisbane area, are not familiar and may not be found on present-day maps. It is useful to establish the positions of these localities as the specimens gathered at these places often represent the first major collecting done in and around Brisbane and hence are valuable records of the vegetation of these early periods. Some of these collections are also nomenclatural types and it would be helpful to know exactly where they were made.

In the period 1886-94 many of these localities were visited and collections made there by what was then the Field Naturalists' Section of the Royal Society of Queensland. The inaugural meeting of the group was held in the Library of the Queensland Museum on 6 October, 1886. Among other aims of the group proposed at this meeting was the holding of excursions, mainly on Saturday afternoons, to 'places situated within a radius of a few miles from the city, and which shall recommend themselves by reason of the inducements they present to either geological, botanical, or entomological students severally, or for the combined pursuits of these naturalists'. Other excursions 'occupying more than a Saturday afternoon' were to be undertaken to areas outside of the city area. Some important botanical collectors of this period were F.M. Bailey, J.H. Simmonds J.F. Shirley, H. Tryon, H.L. Griffiths and G. Watkins.

Listed below are localities visited with details as given in the minute book of the Field Naturalists' Section or contemporary newspaper clippings on how the locality was reached and where collections were made in that locality. Maps from 1880 onwards have been consulted in the Queensland State Archives and the John Oxley Library. Geographical co-ordinates have been added and reference given in some cases to places named on present-day maps.

Belmont, 10 Sep 1887, 9 Jun 1888. ' . . a trip to Belmont and an examination of the scrub on the lower spurs of Mount Petrie, near what was formerly Mackenzie's plantation'. They travelled to the bus ' . . terminus near Belmont school' and 'passing the school' they 'turned to the right' and travelled 'about a mile. . . to the scrub'. This road is known as Scrub Road on present-day maps in the suburb of Belmont. 27° 31'S, 153° 08'E.

Bowen Park, 9 Oct 1886, 2 Jul 1887, 28 Apr 1888, 9 Nov 1889. In ' . . the gardens of the Acclimatisation Society'. The park is in Bowen Hills opposite the Royal Brisbane Hospital. At that time it occupied land now bounded by Bowen Bridge Road, O'Connell Terrace and the railway line. 27° 27'S, 153° 02'E.

Cabbage Tree Creek, 11 Aug 1888. 'Near Sandgate'. 'Striking north from the railway line a thin belt of scrub was found, lining the creek, and covering the little tongues of land between its windings.' The group could not have gone north from the present Sandgate Railway Station to have reached the creek. They may have left from Deagon or Boondall Station or the direction given may be wrong. Other excursions to this area were made on 14 Jan 1888 and 11 May 1889. 27° 20'S, 153° 05'E.

Eagle Farm, 13 Nov 1886. The ' . . locality visited being the swamp lying between the Brisbane River and the racecourse, and thence along towards Nundah'. This would appear to be in present-day Hamilton with the swamp possibly towards the Royal Queensland Golf Club. The racecourse is now Eagle Farm but was then called Brisbane Racecourse. 27° 27'S, 153° 05'E.

Eagle Farm Flats, 24 Nov 1888. A ' . . small scrub near the Powder Magazine at Eagle Farm'. The Powder Magazine was on the Brisbane River near what is now Savage Street, Pinkenba. 27° 27'S, 153° 05'E.

Enoggera Gap, 23 Oct 1886. This is now the suburb known as The Gap. Collections were made along Enoggera Creek. 27° 27'S, 152° 57'E.

Happy Valley, 24 Sep 1887. 'An excursion was made to "Happy Valley" and Kedron Brook near Enoggera'. Stafford Road was then called Happy Valley Road, so the locality must be in the suburbs of Stafford or Everton Park along Kedron Brook. 27° 25'S, 153° 00'E.

Indooroopilly, 16 Oct 1886, 7 May 1887. 'Proceeding towards the Brisbane River and entering the first scrub-girt gully on the right . . . They then walked up a creek bed to Witton Scrub. This creek would be Witton Creek near Witton Road, Indooroopilly. 27° 30'S, 152° 58'E.

Ithaca Creek, 12 Mar 1887. The group met at the Toowong Cemetery gates and then took a track 'which they followed to the crossing over Ithaca Creek near Rosalie'. Presumably this is the present crossing of Simpsons Road over the creek in the suburb of Bardon. 27° 28'S, 152° 58'E.

23 Apr 1887. They met ' . . . at the Bridge over Ithaca Creek on the Waterworks Road and having followed the road some little distance struck off to the left till they reached Ithaca Creek which was traced up to the bridge at the back of Rosalie'. The first bridge is in the suburb of Ithaca while the second bridge must be the same one reached in the March excursion to Ithaca Creek. 27° 27'S, 152° 58'E.

12 May 1888. 'An excursion was made along Ithaca Creek from the Ashgrove Road to Coopers Camp'. The Ashgrove Road is now Waterworks Road. Where Coopers Camp was is not certain but as the present Coopers Camp Road crosses Ithaca Creek between Bardon and Ashgrove, Coopers Camp was presumably in this area. Other excursions to this area were made on 15 Jun 1889 and 28 Sep 1889. 27° 27'S, 152° 59'E.

Kedron Brook, 4 Jun 1887. The train 'brought the party to Eagle Farm Junction where they alighted . . . following the Sandgate line for half-a-mile the brook was crossed at the railway bridge, and the left or eastern bank was selected . . . The work . . . was the examination of the flora of the brook valley from Nundah to Lutwyche'. The area where they commenced collecting is now known as Kalinga Park in the suburb of Eagle Junction. (See also Happy Valley). 27° 25'S, 153° 03'E.

Mt Pleasant, 26 Mar 1887. As this was a Saturday afternoon excursion this must have been the present Mt Pleasant in the suburb of Holland Park between Beryl Crescent and Abbotsleigh Road. 27° 31'S, 153° 02'E.

One Tree Hill, 22 Oct 1887, 28 Jan 1888, 7 Jul 1888. 'A field excursion was made to a gully within the Mt Coot-tha reserve'. This hill is now called Mt Coot-tha. 27° 29'S, 152° 57'E.

Oxley, 12 Oct 1889. 'The locality visited was a small scrub in the vicinity of Oxley Railway Station'. This is in the suburb of Oxley. 27° 33'S, 152° 58'E.

Peechey's Scrub, 5 Nov 1887, 17 Dec 1887, 14 Apr 1888, 27 Oct 1888. 'The scrub is situated about two miles beyond Ashgrove and about half a mile to the south of the Waterworks-road'. The directions given place the locality in the suburb of The Gap but the exact area has not been located.

Racecourse and Hamilton, 31 Dec 1887. ' . . Swamps near Racecourse and Hamilton'. This is most probably the same swamp as visited on the excursion to Eagle Farm in November, 1886. 27° 27'S, 153° 05'E.

St Lucia, 30 Jul 1887. 'St Lucia estate and neighbourhood of South Toowong'. This is now the suburb of St Lucia. 27° 30'S, 153° 00'E.

Sandgate, 19 Feb 1887. 'The party went out on the beach and examined the slope of the esplanade facing the sea . . . 27° 20'S, 153° 04'E.

Sankey's Scrub, 27 Aug 1887, 3 Dec 1887, 10 Mar 1888, 22 Dec 1888. ' . . beyond Coorparoo and to the right of White's Hill'. This area is in the vicinity of White's Hill Reserve in the suburbs of Camp Hill and Carina Heights. 27° 31'S, 153° 05'E.

Simpsons Gate, 16 Jul 1887. The party ' . . met . . at the Toowong Cemetery gates . . . walk [ed] up the incline that leads to Mount Coot-tha . . turn [ed] into the picturesque little road that follows the windings of Ithaca Creek . . reaching Simpson's Creek . . strike up the creek . . many hidden pockets and secluded gullies along the base of Taylor's Range . .'. The ' . . picturesque little road' is Simpsons Road and 'Simpson's Creek' would now be East Ithaca Creek in Mt Coot-tha Park. Another excursion was made to this area on 5 Jan 1889. 27° 28'S, 152° 58'E.

Sunnybank, 2 Mar 1889. 'The collecting ground being a swamp adjoining the railway station'. This swamp is still in existence south of the Sunnybank Railway Station. 27° 35'S, 153° 03'E.

Three Mile Scrub, 27 Nov 1886, 21 May 1887. ' . . Greenwood Scrub on the Kelvin Grove road . . by Enoggera omnibus . . alighting at the terminus of the first stage . . After leaving the main road and following that to the left for a few hundred yards, and having crossed and re-crossed the Enoggera Creek'. Ashgrove Avenue was formerly called Three Mile Scrub Road and there is a Greenwood Street coming off it. From the *Queensland Naturalist* 1(8): 177 (1911), Three Mile Scrub was described as 'North side of Enoggera Creek extending from the Kelvin Grove tram terminus to the Grove Estate, length about one mile, width about one quarter to one half mile'. The Kelvin Grove tram terminus was on Enoggera Road at Newmarket between Newmarket Road and Edmonstone Street and the Grove Estate is now Ashgrove. 27° 26'S, 153° 00'E.

Waterworks Road, 19 Jan 1889. A ' . . small creek to the right of the Waterworks Road a few miles beyond Ashgrove'. This must be Fish Creek at The Gap as the only other creek in the area is Enoggera Creek and this would have been named as such. 27° 27'S, 152° 57'E.

Witton Scrub. See Indooroopilly.

Other localities in the city the naturalists visited but for which no specific collecting areas are given are **Lutwyche**, 5 Feb 1887, **Mt Gravatt**, 8 Jan 1887, 8 Oct 1887, 1 Jun 1889 and **Toombul** 18 Dec 1886.

Excursions of one or more days were made to areas outside of the city in this period. These are as follows:

Brookfield, 8–10 Dec 1888. 'The locality visited was near the head of Moggill Creek and about two miles south of the Gold Creek reservoir'. 27° 28'S, 152° 52'E.

Burleigh Head. See Macpherson Range.

Caboolture, 22–23 Sep 1888. Three scrubs were visited. ' . . the first . . lies on the river bank above the township . . the other two are also on the river bank, but below the settlement'. Some 'two miles of open or lightly timbered country' between these two areas was also examined. 27° 05'S, 152° 57'E.

Dinmore, 17 Mar 1887. Collections were made around the pottery works and New Chum coalmine and then the party ' . . crossed the railway line and' went 'down into the undulating country lying between it and the river . .'. This river is the Bremer. 27° 36'S, 152° 50'E.

Eudlo, Mar ? 1891. ' . . visiting the Eudlo Creek Scrubs, and from thence to the summit of the Blackall Range'. This area is west of the railway near Eudlo. Another excursion to Eudlo was undertaken on 10 Nov 1891 but no specific collecting areas were recorded. 26° 44'S, 152° 57'E.

Eumundi, 19–21 Nov 1892. The first day's collecting was ' . . along the railway line up the range with the intention of working some of the gullies coming down through the scrub'. On the second day a trip was made to Mount Cooroy. Another excursion was made to Eumundi at Easter 1894 but no collecting areas were recorded. Eumundi — 26° 29'S, 152° 57'E.

Goodna Scrub, 24 May 1889. To 'a scrub about 3 miles from the Goodna Railway Station in a Southerly direction'. Another excursion was made to Goodna on 10 Dec 1889 but no collecting areas were recorded. 27° 38'S, 152° 54'E.

Helidon, 9 Apr 1887. '... our object to visit the well-known Helidon waterfalls, and to botanise along the watercourses in their neighbourhood'. The location of these waterfalls has been established as a few kilometres north of Helidon. Helidon — 27° 33'S, 152° 08'E.

Kholo, 24 May 1892. '... others bent on botany and entomology were taken a little further down the river to the centre of a scrub, where they again landed and began to collect along the slopes . . . Ascending the hill which overhung the scrub, the road from Brisbane to Mt. Crosby was struck . . .'. This area must be the bend of the river between present-day Karana Downs and Anstead. 27° 32'S, 152° 50'E.

Macpherson Range, 31 Mar-30 Apr 1893. The first excursion was to Burleigh Head summit. 28° 05'S, 153° 27'E. The next day they ascended 'Mudgeraba' (now Mudgeeraba) Creek and climbed a 'spur of the Macpherson Range known . . . as Nimmul' (now Nimmel Mt). 27° 09'S, 153° 18'E.

Maroochie. See Yandina.

Mount Mistake, 18-21 Jun 1887. '... in the neighbourhood of Laidley'. Collections were made on the mountain 27 km SSW of Laidley. 27° 52'S, 152° 20'E.

Mudgeraba. See Macpherson Range.

Pine River, 24 May 1888. From Strathpine Railway Station, "Striking off at right angles to the left of the railway line . . . About two miles and a half . . . were passed". The party became unsure of the way to the scrub or even if it existed. They found a creek 'about three miles ahead'. The collecting was done at this creek, probably a tributary of the South Pine River. 27° 18'S, 152° 55'E.

Rosewood, 10 Dec 1886. From the town '... a start was made for the range to the north of the railway line . . . a start was made for Perry's Knob . . . plants were collected in the ascent . . .'. 27° 37'S, 152° 36'E.

Strathpine. See Pine River.

Woolston Scrub, 9 Nov 1888. 'This scrub borders the Brisbane River, extending from a point almost directly west from Woolston Railway Station, two or three miles towards Goodna'. Woolston (or Wolston) Railway Station is now Wacol Railway Station.

20 Mar 1892. '... to proceed to Woolston Creek and the scrubs on its banks . . . Having made a long tour through the scrub the party came on to the bank of the creek, about a mile and a half from its mouth . . .'.
 The Scrub appears to have been in the area between Wacol and the Brisbane River south of Wolston Creek and may have extended up to the creek, but it is uncertain whether the scrubs along Wolston Creek were known as part of the Woolston Scrub. 27° 35'S, 152° 54'E.

Yandina, 1-2 Mar 1891. 'Crossing the [Maroochie] river by the railway bridge . . . the scrub on the west of the line was selected, and collecting commenced . . . Following this scrub along the river brought us to the main Gympie road, along which we kept to the south for about two miles . . . Crossing the railway line and still keeping the main road, we came on a small creek . . . Turning along the creek to the east'. In the afternoon leaving the camp at the railway bridge on the river they '... followed the river down towards its mouth'. The next day was wet and little collecting was done. Yandina — 26° 34'S, 152° 57'E.

Other localities visited but for which no areas of collection were given are **Mooloolah Scrubs**, 10 Dec 1890, **Pimpama**, 18 Mar 1889 and **Tamborine Mt.**, 30 Mar 1888.